

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-19 are pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected the claims in a final Office Action dated November 17, 2008 based on Kobayashi (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0078792 A1) and Hideyo (J.P. Pub. No. 59-069553) alone or in combination with other references. Applicants submit herewith a request for continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with this Amendment as the requisite submission. With entry of this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 15. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the courtesy of the Examiner during a telephone interview on April 21, 2009. As discussed during the interview, independent claims 1, 6 and 8 have been amended to recite a main body "formed in a single unitary body" for claims 1 and 8 and a first housing member "formed in a single unitary body" for claim 6. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and drawings. For example, Fig. 1 shows a main body casing 35 formed in a single unitary body based on the cross-hatching. As further discussed during the interview, neither Kobayashi nor Hideyo discloses a main body or a first housing member formed in a single unitary body that supports the elements recited in claims 1, 6 and 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections for claims 1, 6 and 8 and their respective dependent claims.

Finally, Applicants have made several amendments to the claims and the specification to address the Examiner's objections. First, to withdraw the drawing objection, Applicants have amended claim 4 to recite "one of the first bearings is rotatably supported by the wall portion." Second, Applicants have amended the Abstract to address the Examiner's objection in line with the present amendments. No new matter has accordingly been added. Third, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3 and 15 in the manner requested by the Examiner to withdraw the objections.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 482782007600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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